

Public Notice

The US EPA Announces Intention to Delist a Portion of Peterson/Puritan Superfund Site from the National Priorities List

Boston— The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1 announced today its intent to delete a portion of the Peterson/Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site owned by Macklands Realty, Inc. and Berkeley Realty, Co. (herein referred to as Macklands and Berkeley properties), from the National Priorities List (NPL).

The Superfund Site is made up of two formally designated operable units. This proposal for partial deletion pertains only to a portion of OU 2 consisting of 19.8 acres of the estimated 217 acres contained in OU 2. The Macklands and Berkeley properties, designated on the town of Cumberland's Tax Assessor's Map as Plat 14, Lot 2 and Plat 15, Lot 1 in Cumberland, Rhode Island, and known locally as the proposed Berkeley Commons and River Run developments, are located along the eastern slope of the Blackstone River Valley between State Route 122 and the Blackstone River. The western extent of the Macklands and Berkeley properties also makes up a portion of the northeastern boundary of OU 2. The remaining portions of OU 2 will stay on the NPL, and the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study will continue as planned at OU 2. EPA, in consultation with Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, bases its intent to delete this portion of OU 2 on the determination that investigations have shown that the area proposed for deletion poses no significant threat to human health or the environment and, therefore, currently warrants that no further response action is required at the Macklands and Berkeley properties.

EPA requests public comment on this action. EPA will accept comments concerning its intent for partial deletion for thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register and newspaper of record. Comments may be mailed to: Mr. David J. Newton, Remedial Project Manager, Office of Site Remediation and Restoration, U.S. EPA, Region 1, 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114-2023 or by FAX: 617-918-2294.

Comprehensive information on the Peterson/Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site as well as an administrative record specific to this proposed partial deletion is available for review at EPA's Region 1 office in Boston, MA, and at the information repositories listed below. The EPA Region 1's Superfund Records Center is located at 1 Congress Street, Boston, MA, 02114-2023. A review of the records can be conducted by appointment by calling (617) 918-1440 between 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Other information repositories where the deletion docket and comprehensive site records are available for public review include: Cumberland Public Library at 1464 Diamond Hill Road in Cumberland, Rhode Island, and Lincoln Public Library, Old River Road, Lincoln, Rhode Island.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David J. Newton, Remedial Project Manager at (617) 918-1243, or Sarah White, Community Involvement Coordinator, U.S. EPA, Region 1, Office of Site Remediation and Restoration, 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114-2023, Telephone: (617) 918-1026. EPA's toll free number: 1-888-372-7341.

